

The Workbench – July 2007

Giving you the tools you need to build your program successfully.



The Fourth Annual Urban Service-Learning Institute August 2-3, 2007 * Wayne State University, Detroit For Service-Learning Practitioners

This two-day event focuses on applying the principles of service-learning in urban environments. Join us as we bring together community voices to discuss service-learning outreach and application techniques that help students achieve academic excellence and become strong community leaders. This event is also a remarkable opportunity to connect with other professionals working in urban settings and help shape this developing area of service-learning. Educators, community members and National Service programs are encouraged to attend.

For more information and to register, go to:
http://www.nylc.org/happening_event.cfm?oid=5584
Space is limited! Registration Deadline: July 19

Disney Minnie Grants

The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America are pleased to announce grants of up to \$500 to support youth-led service projects. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community.

Teachers, older youth (15-25), youth-leaders, and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply, provided that they engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the service. Service can take place between October 1 and November 26, 2007.

For more information, visit www.YSA.org/awards. The grant application deadline is August 30, 2007.

DON'T MISS IT!!! The Michigan AmeriCorps Family Reunion Picnic Sunday, July 8th

No matter where you served in AmeriCorps, we invite you to bring your family for an afternoon of food and fun at Tri-Centennial Park on the Detroit River. Still serving in AmeriCorps? Current members are welcome to attend!

We'll provide the picnic shelter, tables, outdoor games, & charcoal for the bar-b-que grills. All you need to bring is a dish to share - enough for 10 people.

Visit www.americorpsalums.org for more details. For questions, contact MetroDetroitAlums@AmeriCorpsAlums.org

SAVE THE DATE! MENTOR MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

October 24, 2007 * Lansing
www.michigan.gov/mentormichigan

EMERGING LEADERS VIII – DETROIT

*A comprehensive training
opportunity for program-level
nonprofit staff*



In today's social climate, the nonprofit sector bears an increasing burden for effectiveness, efficiency, innovation and accountability. To meet our communities' demands and expectations, we must cultivate committed, educated, and well-mentored professionals who can - individually and collectively - rise to the challenge of nonprofit leadership in the changing world.

Emerging Leaders is a program of the Michigan Nonprofit Leadership Institute, which seeks to enhance and strengthen the leadership of the nonprofit sector through information, support, enrichment and celebration.

Emerging Leaders are individuals with between one and five years of professional experience in the nonprofit sector. Typically program-level staff, they are committed to developing a career in the nonprofit sector and are dedicated to enhancing the professional efficiency and impact of the organizations they work with.

The application deadline is Monday, July 23, 2007. For questions or additional information, please contact Mitzy Sharp Futro at (313) 309-1666 or msharpfutro@mnaonline.org.



The Workbench's Three - Month National Service Planner



To see Michigan's complete 2006-07 National Service Calendar, visit
www.michigan.gov/mcsc

JULY 2007

- 8 1st Annual Michigan AmeriCorps Family Picnic Reunion, Detroit, 1:00-4:00pm (AmeriCorps Alums, Christy Hicks, MetroDetroitAlums@AmeriCorpsAlums.org, www.americorpsalums.org)
- 9-13 Downriver CARES Service Project in New Orleans (Joe Spain, jspain@guidance-center.org)
- 16-18 National Conference on Volunteering and Service, Philadelphia, PA (The Corporation for National and Community Service / Points of Light Foundation, www.volunteeringandservice.org)
- 24 Building and Sustaining Stakeholder Engagement, Detroit, MI (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, www.mnaonline.org)
- 26 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 26 Volunteer Screening and Placement: Helping People Find the Right "Fit" and Procedures to Screen Out "Bad Actors," Detroit, MI (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, www.mnaonline.org)
- 26 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Volunteer Management: Recruitment (training@handsonnetwork.org)
- 26-28 NP 2020: Issues and Answers from the Next Generation, Grand Rapids (The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley State University, np2020@gvsu.edu, <http://www.gvsu.edu/np2020>)

AUGUST 2007

- 2-3 Urban Service-Learning Institute, Detroit (National Youth Leadership Council, Bernard Gill, (651) 999-7371, http://www.nylc.org/happening_event.cfm?oid=5584)
- 7 Volunteer Retention and Recognition, Detroit, MI (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, www.mnaonline.org)
- 9 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Effectively Using New Media to Engage Volunteers (training@handsonnetwork.org)
- 15-17 Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal, Ann Arbor, MI (The Grant Institute, (888) 824-4424, www.thegrantinstitute.com)
- 16 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Conference Call, 10:00am (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 23 Hands on Network Summer Studies Free Webinar: Service To Civics (training@handsonnetwork.org)
- 28 Fiduciary Responsibility: Executing a Key Nonprofit Board Function, Detroit, MI (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, www.mnaonline.org)

SEPTEMBER 2007

- 3 *Labor Day*
- 11 *My Good Deed* (www.mygooddeed.org)
- 20 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director Meeting, MCSC, 10:00am-4:00pm (Michelle Mackie, (517) 241-3606, metzmakerm1@michigan.gov)
- 26 Nonprofit Day 2007, Lansing, MI (www.mnaonline.org/nonprofit07.asp)

**If you or your agency would like information about upcoming events included our three-month National Service planner, please contact Megan Sargent at sargentm1@michigan.gov or (517) 241-3494.*